

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

806

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

06/01/1986

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 3 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3 Meetings and Dates

### Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratories

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### Start

01/28/2018

04/15/2018

07/15/2018

### End

- 01/30/2018

- 04/17/2018

- 07/17/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

## 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$12,800.00	\$12,800.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$231,481.00	\$235,879.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$24,114.00	\$24,338.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00

## 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

## 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

## 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

## 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

## 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

## 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$9,673.00	\$9,757.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$70,160.00	\$71,563.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$354,428.00	\$360,537.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.00	1.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Section 402(b)(3) of the PHS Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with Section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of principal investigators, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. During this reporting period, the Board reviewed the Neurosurgery Unit for Pituitary and Inheritable Diseases, Motor Neuron Disorders Unit, EEG Section, Clinical Neurocardiology, Behavioral Neurology Unit, Cellular Neurophysiology Unit, Synapse and Neural Circuit Neurophysiology Unit, Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Unit, Biochemistry Section, Synaptic Physiology Section, Spinal Circuits and Plasticity Unit, Synaptic Function Section, and Synaptic Transmission Section. The actions of the Laboratories are in keeping with the recommendations of the Board. Besides the formal meetings for peer review of each laboratory, the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development. The Board provides a description of its activities for review by the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board consists of members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of academic medicine and basic research and clinical medical sciences with respect to neurologic processes, diseases, disorders and stroke. The Board provides a thorough review and assessment of the research in progress in the laboratories, productivity and performance of scientific staff, and future research directions.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board met three times during this reporting period. The Board holds approximately three meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act.

## **20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance of breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established sources.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The meetings of the Board were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## **21. Remarks**

Other: Scientific and Technical Peer Review Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. Members (Beattie, Finkbeiner, Johnson, Landreth, and Staley) were administratively extended while new members were delayed in completing the appointment process. Member: Dr. Timothy Ryan's original term date was 8/23/15 to 6/30/19. He was reassigned as Chair with a term date of 7/1/17 to 6/30/2019.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

### **AVINDRA NATH CLINICAL DIRECTOR**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
BEATTIE, CHRISTINE	11/03/2013	10/28/2017	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BERGMANN, CORNELIA	03/18/2018	06/30/2022	FULL STAFF/ PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BROWN, ROBERT	01/24/2016	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
FINKBEINER, STEVEN	11/03/2013	10/28/2017	SENIOR INVESTIGATOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JOHNSON, MARK	11/03/2013	10/28/2017	ASSOCIATE NEUROSURGEON AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KOLODKIN, ALEX	11/03/2013	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR/INVESTIGATOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LANDRETH, GARY	11/03/2013	10/28/2017	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

LIPSCOMBE, DIANE	10/29/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MACKLIN, WENDY	05/13/2018	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'BRIEN, RICHARD	10/29/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RESTREPO, DIEGO	10/29/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RYAN, TIMOTHY	07/01/2017	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STALEY, KEVIN	10/06/2013	10/28/2017	JOSEPH P AND ROSE F KENNEDY PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STANDAERT, DAVID	10/29/2017	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WOOLF, CLIFFORD	09/08/2015	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### **Narrative Description**

The NINDS Board of Scientific Counselors assesses the quality of the Institute's intramural research program and evaluates the productivity and performance of principal investigators, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and medical experts. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Outcome Comments**

NA

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

203

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

All the Laboratories/Branches reviewed in this year were continued, expanded, reduced or closed.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The agency provides feedback to the committee at the meetings and in reports on the research in the Laboratories.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. The review includes an evaluation of both the Laboratory and Branch leadership and the research performed by independent investigators. If warranted, the review will recommend the reorganization of priorities and reallocation of resources. Due to the highly confidential nature of these recommendations, the information is not divulged to the general public.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Information on the NINDS Board of Scientific Counselors may be obtained from Deborah Freaner, Program Coordinator, NINDS Intramural Research Program at 301 435-2232 or via e-mail at [deborah.freaner@nih.gov](mailto:deborah.freaner@nih.gov).